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Cropsey: Judiciary Committee Considers Homeland Security

LANSING – The Senate Judiciary Committee today discussed Michigan’s homeland security measures with Captain John Ort, Deputy State Director of Emergency Management of the Michigan State Police, Senator Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, said.

“As President Bush prepares to deliver his second State of the Union address this evening, I encourage Senator Cropsey and the Senate Judiciary Committee to review Michigan’s homeland security measures,” Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, said.

The Michigan State Police presented the Michigan Homeland Security Readiness Report, issued in September 2002, and addressed current emergency management operations at the state and local level. Capt. Ort testified that Michigan’s state and local emergency management agencies are promoting homeland security by focusing on planning, equipment, training and exercising in 2003.

The Michigan Department of State Police coordinates all emergency management programs, technologies and support services involved in homeland security. The department works with the 111 local emergency programs and the 21 state agencies in Michigan to save lives and protect property during emergencies.

“I am pleased to hear from Captain John Ort that Michigan is on top of homeland security issues,” Cropsey said. “Funding for homeland security remains critical and Michigan looks to the federal government to address this need nationwide in the coming months.”

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Additional information on homeland security measures in Michigan is available online at www.mspemd.org. Of special interest to families and Michigan communities are the Family Preparedness Guide and the Emergency Management Links. The site also contains downloadable publications on emergency management and local emergency managements contacts for communities across the state. The free information helps to educate and prepare residents of Michigan for future emergencies.